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¶1. (C) Summary: Japanese officials seek continuing close coordination with the USG to engage China at the highest levels to express concerns over China's proposed new information security and content filtering regimes. Senior Japanese officials have raised the information security testing regime in recent bilateral meetings with their Chinese counterparts, GOJ officials told visiting Deputy Assistant U.S. Trade Representative (DAUSTR) for China Timothy Wineland in a June 29 meeting. Both sides acknowledged the effectiveness of ongoing USG-GOJ coordination and the benefits of both governments and industry maintaining a uniform approach on these issues. Wineland provided the U.S. assessment of the current state of play on China's CCC scheme for information security testing as well as USG plans to combat China's internet content filtering regime. End summary.

¶2. (U) DAUSTR Wineland met June 29 with Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) officials, led by Dr. Ikuo Misumi, Director of IT Security Policy, to discuss developments and activities related to China's proposed China Compulsory Certification (CCC) information security regime and the new content filtering system "Green Dam." (Note: Subsequent to these meetings China announced an indefinite postponement of "Green Dam" implementation, which had been scheduled for July 1.) DAUSTR Wineland and METI officials also held a joint discussion with representatives of the U.S. Information Technology Industry Council (ITI) and members of the Japan Electronics and Information Technology Industry Association (JEITA).

¶3. (C) Director Misumi argued for a strong position with respect to these Chinese policies, asserting now is the time to "politicize" the CCC issue. He noted PM Aso raised Japan's concerns directly with the Chinese Premier when they met in late April. METI Minister Nikai again pressed Chinese Commerce Minister Chen Deming on the CCC issue June 7 in Tokyo. The GOJ would like China to completely scrap its CCC information security proposal and instead join the Common

Criteria Regulation Agreement (CCRA), which offers internationally accepted standards on IT security. Director Misumi explained Japan is coordinating with China and other CCRA members to encourage more constructive dialogue and is working in China to raise awareness of the CCRA standards and their benefits.

14. (C) DAUSTR Wineland indicated that the USG, as shown in the April 29 USQstatement after China announced the narrowing of the CCC regulations and a further one year delay, remains concerned about the scope of the CCC for information security and troubling practices like in-country testing requirements, as well as questions about the CCC scheme's applicability to state-owned enterprises within China. DAUSTR Wineland noted that the USG is in a preliminary stage of developing USG requests for the 2009 Joint Commission on Commerce and Trade (JCCT) agenda, and the USG anticipates working on the CCC issue in the JCCT context.

Director Misumi urged a strong and closely aligned U.S.-Japan position on this matter. (Note: In other meetings during the week of June 29 in Washington, METI's Senior Director for Policy Coordination Katsuhiko Kaji delivered similar arguments to other USG agencies, seeking to improve Washington agencies' understanding of GOJ views.)

15. (C) DAUSTR Wineland also described USG efforts to combat China's "Green Dam" internet filtering software mandate, noted that Japanese associations had participated in an industry letter to Chinese leadership on this issue, and inquired about Japan's views on "Green Dam." Director Misumi indicated Japan was weighing in with China to express its concerns about "Green Dam."

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16. (C) Industry participants provided updates from their perspective on both the CCC issue and "Green Dam," in a separate discussion with DAUSTR Wineland and Director Misumi.

Japanese industry is conducting an impact analysis of the CCC scheme, should it proceed as presently announced.

17. (U) USTR Timothy Wineland cleared this message after he departed post.

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